

LORENZO POLITICO, being duly sworn, testified at Inopacan, Leyte, P. I., on 10 January 1946, as follows:

Q State your full name, age, nationality, occupation and home address.

A LORENZO POLITICO, 18 years old, Filipino, student, and a resident of Inopacan, Leyte, P. I.

Q Tell all that you saw when you were picked to accompany the Japanese patrol in the vicinity of Inopacan, Leyte.

A On or about 6 March 1944 at the compulsory morning exercises which civilians were forced to attend by the Japanese garrison at Inopacan, Anono Alporque Dedace, Gil Picon and myself were selected by the Japanese to carry their provisions on a mopping up patrol. The members of the patrol were from the Japanese garrison at Tacloban; therefore I do not know the names of the officers, non-commissioned officers or soldiers in the patrol. About eight o'clock in the morning, right after breakfast, the patrol left Inopacan and proceeded thru the surrounding barrios. About four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, we came through the sitio of Ginabay, Barrio of Morao, Town of Inopacan. The sitio had been vacated by the people except for a woman, Anatalia Matinao, and her newly born child; a man, Santiago Humok about 70 years old, and two small children whose names I do not know, all of whom were found by the Japanese soldiers when they searched the houses in the sitio. They tied the hands of these five prisoners behind their backs and tied them to separate posts in a nipa house. Then the house was set afire by the Japanese and these prisoners were burned alive. After the house was set afire and was burning, the patrol left the area. It was now night and the patrol proceeded to Ginabay and from Ginabay they proceeded along the river to Daugdog. Between these two sitios, the patrol caught a boy about seventeen years old whose name I do not know, and bayoneted him. The second day of the patrol, we reached Canangay, at about two o'clock in the afternoon. A young woman, Eufresina Payot, about 24 years old, was caught hiding in the grass. The officer in charge of the entire patrol tore off her clothes, while two soldiers held her. He then had her taken to a small nipa hut, without walls, about fifteen feet away from where she was caught and there the officer in charge of the patrol used his sabre to cut her breasts and womb. Soldiers held her while the officer did this. At first, the girl was screaming. She finally lay still and silent. The Japanese then set fire to the nipa hut. When the girl was caught and her clothes were torn off by the officer, I was about a hundred meters away. The nipa hut they took her to was only about eighty or eighty-five meters away from where I stood. I had a clear unobstructed view of all this because there was nothing between myself and the place where she was caught and the hut in which she was mutilated and killed. These were the only killings I saw on the patrol, which lasted a week in all before we got back to Inopacan.

Q Can you describe or name any of the Japanese in the patrol?

A I do not recall their names, but the officer in charge of the patrol had a scar on his breast which was horse-shoe shaped. The scar ran from shoulder to shoulder and down below the collar bones. I could see this scar because the officer would take his shirt off when he was hot. He was about 35 years old; about 5'8" tall; slender build; erect; straight legged; head was shaved; no moustache, no glasses; a yellowish complexion, slanted eyes; no missing or gold teeth. I did not notice any scars or amputations on him. He wore a kakhi uniform with cloth leggins; a cloth cap with neck protectors; he was armed with a sword and a pistol.

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Q Do you have anything further to add to this statement?  
A No.

/s/ Lorenzo Polito  
LORENZO POLITO

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES }  
PROVINCE OF LEYTE } SS  
TOWN OF INOPACAN }

I, LORENZO POLITO, being duly sworn on oath, state that I have read and understood the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein, consisting of two (2) pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Lorenzo Polito  
LORENZO POLITO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1946.

/s/ William M. Moorhead  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, Ord  
Investigating Officer, War Crimes  
Investigating Detachment.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We, WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, 01559953, Ord, and GUILLERMO J. REYES, 2d Lt, F-45814, Inf, certify that on 10th day of January, 1946, personally appeared before us LORENZO POLITO, and gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth; that after his testimony had been transcribed, the said LORENZO POLITO read the same affixed his signature thereto in our presence.

Inopacan, Leyte, P. I.

/s/ William M. Moorhead  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, Ord  
Investigating Officer, War Crimes  
Investigating Detachment.

10 January 1946

/s/ Guillermo J. Reyes  
GUILLERMO J. REYES, 2nd Lt, Inf  
Investigating Officer, War  
Crimes Investigating Detachment

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ William M. Moorhead  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, Ord.

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I, Alva C. Carpenter, Chief, Legal Section,  
General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the  
Allied Powers, do hereby certify that the attached  
photostatic copy of the affidavit of LORENZO POLITICO  
is a true and correct reproduction of the original  
affidavit which was taken at Inopacan, Leyte, P. I.  
and subsequently accidentally destroyed. This  
true copy was made from the shorthand notes by  
the reporter.

/s/ Alva C. Carpenter  
Alva C. Carpenter,  
Chief, Legal Section.

Witness: /s/ John R. Pritchard  
Sworn to before me this 29th  
day of October 1946, Tokyo, Japan.

/s/ John R. Pritchard  
Captain, Infantry  
Summary Court

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EXHIBIT NO.

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「ロレンゾ・ホリト」ハ、一九四六年一月十日、アーノラ・ビン、譲島、レイテ島、イノ・パカンニテ、宣誓書ニ次ノ如フ證言セリ。  
問、貴方ノ姓名、年齢、國籍職業、ハシ所ヨリ。答、ロレンゾ・ホリト、十八キ、アーリン・ビン、群衆。

向、レーテ、イバカン附近にて、翌バシテ日本軍  
シタ時、貴君が日露シタヨリ全部述べ  
TOP  
軍隊ニ隨行

答、一九四四年三月六日か、六日頃、イノ・パカン、日本駐屯軍ニヨツテ一般民モ出席ヲ強要シテ強制的朝糧食ヲ運搬スベク日本軍ニ選ばレタ。巡査隊ノ長ヤ、下士官ヤ、兵隊ノ姓名ヲ知リテ、朝食後午前八時頃巡察隊ハ、イノ・パカンニテ先發三日、周圍ノ村々ヲ遍ツテ進ム。同日午後四時頃、我々ハイノ・パカン市「モラオ村」ギ本ノ一部落ヲ通過シタ。ソ一部落ノアナタリア・マチナオト云フ婦人ト其ノ生レタバカリ、嬰兒、及ビセオオ位ハサンチアコ・フモウト云フ一人ノ男ト、名ハ知ラヌケ二人、幼イ子供等以外ニ、住民ハ既ニ立退イテ居リ、彼等ハ既、日本兵達カソノ一部落一家々ヲ搜索シタ時、日本兵ニ発見ガレタ。日本兵ハ捕ヘタ此等五人者ヲ後手ニ縛リ、或ル草菖蒲ノ小家ノ中ニアル袋ツカノ柱ニ別々縛リ付ケタ。ソレカラソノ家ハ日本兵ニヨツテ

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ソテ放サシ此等捕合シタ者等、生キテ、焼殺サシタ。巡察隊  
 ハ家三人ヲ放サテシが然ニテキハ其處ヲカキ退イタ。既ニ夜ト  
 有リ巡察隊、ギナベイニ進ミ、ギナベイカラ何語ゾテ、ダウグード  
 ソンニ進ミテ、コトニ部落、向ニ巡察隊、名ハ知ラヌガ十七  
 カキ、或少年ヲ捕テ銃食テ刺殺シタ。巡察本二日、我々午  
 後時頃、カナガニモ着エリ。二十四カキ、ユーフィナ・ペイヨリト  
 上云フ人若ノ婦、合掌最カキテキハ處ヲ捕ハシタ。ソ巡察隊  
 全部ヲ指揮シ平ノ将校、彼女、衣服ヲ剥キ取り其向  
 二人、兵が彼女ヲ抑ヘテキタ。ソレカラ某將校、彼女ヲ小サナ  
 壁上ナキ草苔、小舍へ連シテ行干其處、彼女が捕ハシタ处  
 カラ十数キ離シテ處アリ其處テ巡察隊指揮將校、  
 佩刀ヲ振シテ彼女、胸下陰部ヲ切ツリ、兵隊童子、特  
 殊技ガ此ナ事コニテキハ胸、彼女ヲ抑ヘテキタ。最初ノ女ハ  
 悲鳴響ケテキタが遂ニ静キナリ。黙ニ横タ分ク。  
 ソレカラ日本兵ハ、ノキ草苔、小舍ニ火ヲ放シタ。女が捕ハシ  
 将校衣服ヲ剥キ取りシ時私ハ約百米程離シテ居リ。日  
 本兵が彼女ヲ連シテ竹ノキ草苔、小舍、私がセツテキハ處カ  
 ド僅カニ約八十メカ、十五メカ位シカ離シテキカツタ。私  
 此ノ事件切ツ明瞭且ツ何モノニモ妨ガラシス。見ルコトが大  
 事タガ志ト云フハ彼女が捕合場所ト彼女が目撃々々  
 ニセラシシテ解シタル小舍ト私、向ニ何物モ存在ナカツ  
 カラアリ。

ハカニニ帰リ着々巡察隊一週間續イタ所、  
 家中私が目撃シタ殺人コレテ全部アツタ。

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問、貴方々は、巡察隊の日本兵、誰かを名指し又其名ヲ舉げられ  
お坐乗なが。

答、彼等、久留里坐セナガシ、巡察隊、指揮將校、胸二脚鐵  
形、傷痕アリ。ノ、傷痕、肩カラ肩カラ渡リ、金骨  
下反テキタ。ノ、將校、暑着時六七十度脱グ分常テア  
ソタカラ私ハ此傷痕見ルが坐乗ノアス。其將校  
三十五本位、身長約五尺八寸細体竹直立、鼻直  
脚ヨシ、頭髮刈リシヨリ、口長須ナリ、眼鏡ヲ掛ケス、黃  
色、膚色、目尻部リ上、缺歯、金歯等、ナカタ。傷  
痕、切斷個所等將校、身体、認メテナカタ。彼カキ  
色軍服着布地、脚絆ヲケテ居タ。帽垂シタ布帽子  
カブリ、剣十拳銃、武装ミテヰ。

問、貴方々更ニ何か此陳述二付加ヘ言フアリマスか。

答、アリマヤ。

(署名) ロレンゾ・ポリト  
LORENZO POLITO

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アリゾニア共和國レイテ州イバヤ市  
私、ロレンゾ・ポリト、正當宣誓モ上、二頁ヨリ成私ニ開心前  
記転記、眞向其し會シテ居凡テ返答ヲ讀ミ、且理解ミ  
極最善、知識、信念、及ア限リ、眞實不二コトヲ申シテベス。

(署名) ロレンゾ・ポリト  
LORENZO POLITO

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西元四六年一月十日本職、面前ニテ署名宣誓シタリ。

ウリアム・ムーアード主計少尉(署名)  
戦争犯罪調査派遣軍調査官

證明書

本職主計少尉認識番号〇五五九五三、ウリアム・ムーアード  
尽歩兵少尉認識番号F-四五六四キレモ丁・レイエス、ハ'九四六年一月十日、ロジンホリ上ガ自ラ本職等、前出頭之提示サリ數  
個、實向計前記答言ヲタリ。又、證言ヲ軽記乞後、  
當口シノホリト、更ニ本職等、面前ニテ署名為シ、軽記書ヲ  
讀ミタ心ヲ、證明人。

ウリアム・ムーアード主計少尉

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本職、聯合國軍最高司令官總司令部法務部長、アルバ・C・  
カーペンタ、ハ添附セヨリシノ上、口供書、寫真複寫ハ  
「フィリピン國」にて、州、イバカン、市、ノ記サし、後同スモ滅  
却サシテ口供書原本ヨリ、眞正性再製書ナルヲ、數三證明入  
此、眞實ナル寫ノハ、通信員が連記録ヨリ作成シテモ、アリ。

法務部長

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JOHN R. PRITCHARD/

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